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Grand finale

Haliburton was regaled with a rollicking production of HMS Pinafore, a musical by Gilbert and Sullivan, this past weekend. Staged by the Highlands Little Theatre, the musical opened on Thursday, March 31 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, concluding April 3. DARREN LUM Staff



Carnival coming to Wilberforce this summer

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

There will be no shortage of fun in Wilberforce this summer as plans for a long-weekend carnival are in the works.

The proposal includes a three-day event to be held during the Civic holiday weekend, from July 29 to August 1, organized by the Highlands East Fire Heritage Committee.

Called the Wilberforce Summer Carnival, the event will be a fundraiser for the committee, which is raising money to restore "Old Number One," a vintage fire truck.

In a letter to council, committee chair Curtis Tighe outlined details of the weekend event, which could include rides, concessions, games, food and a concert planned for Saturday night.

"We have reached out to other groups that are fundraising in the community

such as the Wilberforce Curling Club and the Wilberforce Legion and the Highlands East Fire Department to participate in this event to raise funds for their causes," wrote Tighe in a letter to Highlands East council. "Our hope is that this event becomes an annual opportunity for organizations to raise funds, while the public has a lot of fun."

A proposal was brought forward by the Fire Heritage Committee at the March 29 meeting of council, requesting use of the

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HHHS ends year with \$223,000 deficit

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 31 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

The finance committee of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board is projecting a \$223,000 deficit following the end of the organization's 2015/2016 fiscal year, which was March 31, 2016.

The financial situation is a result of a \$230,000 deficit from long-term care, however it is offset by a surplus from the hospital portion of the budget, reported finance committee member David Gray.

"In regards to this deficit we've approached the LHIN in this regard, because we're basically supposed to operate in a neutral or break even position, with a request that we would fund this out of working fund reserves that the hospital has, which is basically an accumulation of profits from previous years," said Gray. "Any money going to fund this deficit is strictly coming from the hospital side, there's nothing that's coming from the Foundation, for example, to fund this deficit."

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Event will raise funds for local organizations

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baseball diamond and grounds in Wilberforce from July 25 to Aug. 3 free of charge. The areas will be used for the rides and concession.

The committee also requested fees for the rental of the Lloyd Watson Centre and arena be waived for the event, as well as insurance for the three-day event be provided by the municipality, with the exception of the rides which are covered by the operator.

"I got thinking if we could have an event where everyone could work together and everyone could raise some funds in the community, why not?" Tighe told the *Echo* in an interview.

Tighe said plans so far include the fire heritage committee running the midway and organizing a concert for Saturday night, a flea market and breakfast organized by the Curling Club and concession stands run by the fire associations.

The committee is looking at bringing in Gable Bros. to run the carnival, with a pay one price and ride all day promotion for the Saturday, said Tighe.

"It's going to be similar to what Country Good Times used to be," said Tighe.

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Once we get Old Number One restored my hope is to have a parade, with it leading the parade.

— Curtis Tighe
Chair, Fire Heritage Committee

The fire heritage committee, which is made up of 10 volunteers, has raised more than \$5,000 to date. Their goal is \$25,000.

"We will have Old Number One at the carnival," said Tighe. "Once we get Old Number One restored my hope is that we have a parade, with it leading the parade."

Council accepted the proposal and approved the committee's requests, including free use of municipal facil-

ties and insurance coverage.

Councillors also approved allocating staff time for cleanup, logistics, etc. Before, during and after the event, subject to availability and scheduling.

Tender for curling club approved

A refrigeration plant to the tune of \$103,750, plus taxes, was approved for the Wilberforce Curling Club at the March 29 meeting of Highlands East council.

The tender to replace the refrigeration plant was awarded to Gordon Wright Electric Limited. It was the lowest tender the municipality received out of four options.

"This company has designed a system to operate on propylene glycol which is environmentally friendly and results in a much cleaner system and the piping that is visible in the mechanical room will be insulated and capped with white PVC covering," wrote property supervisor Jim Alden in his report to council.

The refrigeration plant has been included in the 2016 budget.

Sunshine List includes educators, county staff and hospital employees OPP refuse to release staff list for salary disclosure

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The OPP are refusing to release a staff list of the Haliburton Highlands detachment for the purposes of public salary disclosure.

"Thank you for your request, but due to the operational nature of your request, that is something that cannot be provided by the OPP," communications officer Dianna Dauphinee wrote in an email to the paper. "If you wish, you can make a request through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

The detachment has released staff lists to the paper in previous years and the paper has filed an FOI request.

Last year, 22 officers from the detachment made what is often referred to as the "Sunshine List," a legislated public posting of public sector salaries above \$100,000 per year. Salaries ranged from \$106,000 to \$138,000 for the detachment commander.

A number of senior staff members at the County of Haliburton were on the list for 2015, including the EMS director and paramedic chief who earned \$133,440 and two deputy-chiefs who each made just more than \$102,000.

The former treasurer, who retired earlier this year, made \$114,265; the library CEO \$106,260; human resources director \$105,550; the retired chief administrative officer, who worked part of last year, \$105,990; and tourism director \$104,775.

The current county chief administrative officer and roads director both started work mid-year and did not appear on the list under Haliburton County.

At the lower-tier level, the Minden Hills CAO/treasurer made \$125,680; Algonquin Highlands CAO \$122,250; Algonquin Highlands treasurer \$102,240; and Dysart et al CAO just more than \$106,000.

Within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, principals at ASES, JDH and Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools made around \$117,000, while the ASES vice-principal made just more than \$102,000.

The principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary

School was paid \$126,400.

The board of education director was paid more than \$186,000.

At the Haliburton Fleming College campus, the principal earned \$130,000 while two instructors made just more than \$103,000 each.

The college president made more than \$280,000.

Eight employees at Haliburton Highlands Health Services made the list, including six nurses with salaries ranging from \$102,000 to \$117,000, a technologist at \$130,000 and the former CEO, who was dismissed by the board last November, made \$180,000.

At the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 10 employees made the list, from the manager of clinical services at \$106,000 to the health unit's medical officer of health at just less than \$300,000.



Haliburton Auxiliary gives HHHS 'Big Cheque'

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary president Tracey Lear, second from right, presented \$58,588 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Carolyn Plummer, second from left, and members of the HHHS board on March 31 at the Haliburton hospital. The donation was the culmination of efforts and fundraisers from 2015 and went towards purchasing IV pumps, a steamer for food services, an ice machine, a sanitizer system and installation for long-term care and much more. Lear extended a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the auxiliary over the past year. From left, HHHS finance committee member David Gray, Plummer, HHHS board chairman John Kay, HHHS director of care Michelle Douglas, Lear and auxiliary member Doris Laine. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Drum roll for end of summer event

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are news briefs from the Dysart council meeting on March 29.

Plans for Halibana are going ahead this summer after council was encouraging about the free admission drum festival for Head Lake Park over the Labour Day weekend.

Dubbed Halibana 2016: A Drum Carnival in the Highlands, this event is estimated to draw up to 400 people, said representative Joe Truss.

He described this as an inclusive community event that will become annual. It is rooted in a partnership with The Festival Management Committee, a not-for-profit founded in 2006, which produces the annual Toronto Caribbean Carnival, and the drumming and artistic communities of Haliburton.

The event will include drum circles and workshops on costume-making and dance, the establishment of a community drum collection and would culminate in a Grand Parade and Community Drum Circle in Head Lake Park.

Truss asked council for in-kind help and use of public facilities and utilities.

This event, he said, takes advantage of the "budding drum" culture here in the Highlands and surrounding areas.

This event is planned to start Friday with exhibitions and presentations of costumes and drums and then follow with a musical presentation of Calypso on Saturday evening. The Grand Parade and Community Drum Circle was scheduled for Sunday, but Truss is amendable to include it on Saturday when asked by council to consider cottagers, who want to leave for home to prepare children for school.

This event's budget is close to \$45,000, which will pay mainly for carnival performance participants, artistic direction, project management and administration, including workshop facilitation.

Organizers provided a report that said it will seek funding from an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant, but also the Canadian Council for the Arts – Inter-Arts Touring Grants, Haliburton County Development Corporation – Local Initiatives Program, the Ontario Arts Council – artist travel and touring grants, including cash donations, corporate sponsorship and tickets for workshops.

However, when Reeve Murray Fearrey asked if this event can go ahead without the Trillium grant, Truss was adamant that the pilot will happen, even if at a smaller scale.

Without admission, Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts asked about revenue streams.

Truss said they've considered 12- to 24-hour Drum-a-thon fundraising events, which asks participants to seek a sponsorship or donation worth close to \$25.

"Sounds like we're good to go," Fearrey said.

Boat show sunk

Council rejected the Haliburton Boat and Watercraft show proposed by Haliburton Outdoor Equipment Ltd's George Schvarcz.

When reached later for the decision Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey explained "this was a one-off sales promotion event for a single provider, and although a good idea, failed to represent a boat show."

Schvarcz told council he made repeated attempts to get competing marinas to commit, as stipulated by council in an earlier meeting. None of them committed. Expected to draw hundreds, this event was planned for the civic holiday weekend from July 30 to Aug. 1 at Head Lake Park.

Sort your trash or it'll cost you

Director of public works Brian Nicholson said it's time for people to sort their garbage or pay for it.

When it comes to house garbage there won't be a charge if it is not "contaminated" (with recyclable material). However contaminated bags will cost \$2 per bag.

"I have no doubt there is going to be some push back on this. At the end of the day, as I said in the last meeting, we have had mandatory recycling since 2006. If you can't get your head wrapped around it in 10 years then something's wrong so hopefully this forces awareness. It's the best way of putting it," he said.

There will continue to be no charge for electronic waste, household batteries, and tires.

The next step in reducing household waste is a bag limit next year.

"Start sorting and watch what you're buying," Nicholson recommended.

Shingles used to be part of building and demolition waste, but because of the weight they were singled out and will now cost \$50 a square yard, if sorted. The fee for shingles that are unsorted or contaminated will cost \$100 a square yard.

These and other fee changes will be implemented on July 1. Council will advertise in local media, in posters and attempt contact through letters to account holders

about the changes.

Spring and summer recreation programming coming

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said registration for ball hockey has gone well.

There is still room for 13- and 14-year-old ball hockey and there has been demand for a women's only pickup ball hockey night. More players are needed so contact Mueller if interested.

A certified swim instructor is needed for the upcoming eight-week pilot swimming program at Pine Lake and Eagle Lake. Applications are welcome.

Find more spring/summer recreation offerings within the recreation directory published in the April 14 *County Life*.

More submissions needed for logo contest

Mueller said so far there has only been one submission for the Dysart 150 Logo Contest, which awards \$150 to the winner. See township website for rules and regulations.

Burning regulations announced

Haliburton Fire Department's chief Miles Maughan said burning began this past weekend (Friday, April 1). There is no burning between two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset.

Fires should always be attended by a person with the necessary equipment to extinguish the fire. They should be at least three metres from combustible material and not exceed two metres high.

There is a permit, which is used mainly by contractors, to burn outside of these hours. The cost is \$60.



County floods

Waterways and bodies of water overflowed as a result of heavy and steady rainfall late last week, as seen here on County Road 21 in front of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Several roads in the Highlands were closed. / DARREN LUM Staff

Fibre optic network construction could start this summer

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Construction for a fibre optic network could start as early as this summer, said North Frontenac Telephone Company's Grant Roughley to Dysart council at a public meeting on Tuesday, March 29.

Roughley updated them on the progress of bringing "ultra high-speed" service to the Highlands and North Hastings.

The vice-president said the Sharbot Lake based company is at an "evaluation stage to look at the business viability of expanding the fibre optic networks in these areas" which include Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft. "We're about halfway through the process. We actually had our design and construction teams in town last week specifically," he said.

They looked at how the fibre network will be con-

structed and now will look at what the detailed construction plan will be. Part of the feasibility of this will be related to a cost study.

"We anticipate in two or three weeks from now we will be able to sit down and assess how to prioritize what communities to actually physically start fibre optic network builds. Our hope is to have our crews start in one to two communities at some point this summer. Currently, we're on track for that critical path," he said.

Roughley adds the difference between what is available now compared to their proposed network service is greater potential, as far as high-speed and high bandwidth goes.

It was reported in the *Echo* this service could bring speeds 10 to 100 times faster than standard DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) services (depending on the current state of a customer's Internet connection and the package they subscribe to).

He said there is an ever-increasing need for higher speed connections, particularly when it comes to the

public's consumption of entertainment providers such as Netflix or interactive software like video games, video conferencing or Telemedicine.

As reported in the *Echo*, when it comes to Haliburton and Minden, this company is likely to use the backbone of fibre built by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which was a collective effort by eastern Ontario municipalities to expand high-speed Internet to the area.

This is dependent, Roughley said, on how competitive the rates associated with the EORN project are compared to current market rates.

"We see a need for fibre to home, which gives it the strongest level of bandwidth reliability and consistency and we believe there is a strong market," he said.

Editor's note: North Frontenac Telephone Company is 50 per cent owned by London Publishing Corporation. London Publishing Corporation shares the same ownership as White Pine Media, which in turn owns the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo*.

Board to cover deficit with funds from reserves

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Gray said the deficit is the result of various issues, including sick and overtime pay, however this situation should not reoccur in the future.

"The objective is to return to a positive position in 2016/2017," he said.

HHHS currently has reserves in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million.

Palliative care plans move forward

Plummer updated the board on the status of the palliative care suite, which has been in the works for years.

The CEO said HHHS has submitted the next phase to the Ministry of Health and is waiting on approvals.

Plummer said it was submitted at the beginning of March and approvals can take approximately eight weeks to receive.

"Once we do get approval from this phase we will be able to go to tender for the project," she said. "We haven't heard anything back from the ministry but in this situation no news is good news."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker said at this point the foundation is not going to actively campaign for the palliative centre, as the organization needs to feel confident in the project mov-

ing forward.

To date \$900,000 has been raised for the palliative expansion and the foundation can finish the campaign in the upcoming fall and winter months, said Walker.

Staff recognized

Interim CEO and President Carolyn Plummer reported to the board that a number of long-serving staff members were honoured at a recognition event held on March 30.

Five staff members receives a 25-year award, another five received a 30-year award and one individual received a 35-year award, said Plummer.

"It was great to recognize the contribution and the dedication and loyalty of our staff members. I think it speaks volumes to what a great place this is to work at," said Plummer.

Taste of Italy no more

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is switching it up this fall with their annual October fundraiser.

In past years the group had organized an Italian themed night at the Legion, however this year the event will be hosting an "International Night," reported auxiliary president Tracey Lear.

This year marks the auxiliary's 45th anniversary.



Like a fox

The newest furry creature to join the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's family is Freckles the Fox, introduced last week to the community. The name for the fox was thought up by HHHS X-ray technician Kerriann Griffin, front, and chosen out of about 40 entries. Griffin chose the name because of the animal's freckles on his nose. The fox retails for \$20 and can be found at locations throughout the county, with proceeds going towards the health organization. Back from left, HHHS executive director Dale Walker and HHHS board chairman Peter Oyler. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Dissecting sovereignty and the Northwest Passage

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The Northwest Passage – the stretch of Arctic Ocean connecting the Pacific and Atlantic oceans along Canada's northern coast – has become part of the Canadian identity.

Just the words Northwest Passage, "really seem to speak of something that is in our mythology," says David Newland. "I wanted to give them meaning."

Newland, a writer, musician and currently, host, performer and Zodiac driver for Adventure Canada tours along the famed seaway, is speaking to an enraptured crowd at the Haliburton fish hatchery.

The Northwest Passage is often associated with the ill-fated expedition of Captain John Franklin, who left England in 1845 and never returned.

The location of the shipwreck of the HMS Erebus remained a mystery until it was discovered by the Canadian government in 2014, a discovery that was much celebrated since the Franklin expedition, for some, is regarded as part of laying the groundwork for Canada's Arctic sovereignty.

"But let's take a little look," Newland says. "It happens in 1845, to a British guy, who doesn't find the Northwest Passage, who doesn't come back."

The Canadian government insists the Northwest Passage in an internal, Canadian seaway, but the Americans and the Russians consider it international waters and will sometimes run ships through the area when it is passable.

However, as Newland points out, there is a third perspective.

"For the Inuit, there's a third option," he says. "This is our territory. It's like land."

For millennia, the Inuit have lived and hunted in the vast geographic space that includes part of what is now the Canadian Arctic, northern Russia, Greenland and parts of Scandinavia.

For most of time, for most of the year, the area has been solid, Inuit passing over the frozen ice.

In the 19th century, when the RCMP started stationing officers in the area, Newland says they were essentially establishing Canada's sovereignty against Inuit who had left the Canadian Arctic and were coming back down traditional migrational waters.

"No, you guys are Danish now," he says.

It's clear Newland has great knowledge of, and great respect for, the indigenous cultures of the Arctic.

Western culture was heaped upon the Inuit by the trinity of the church, the

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The Inuit will tell you they've gone from igloos to iPads in a generation.

— David Newland

RCMP and the Hudson's Bay Company.

As Newland explains the 26 small communities that now exist in the area were essentially formed around where there were churches, or HBC trading posts.

Culture change is something the Inuit have become extremely familiar with.

"The Inuit will tell you they've gone from igloos to iPads in a generation," Newland says, explaining the people in Inuit communities are watching the same television shows as other Canadians and using social media.

At the same time, they are also connected to their indigenous culture, with customs such as tattooing, once practically outlawed by mitigating Western forces, now resurfacing.

"There's stuff that's coming back and it's powerful and it's rich," Newland says.

He adds any notion that with warming weather patterns the Northwest Passage is going to become a well-used shipping route is unfounded.

"Importantly, there's no port," Newland says. "There are no ports in the Canadian Arctic."

There's nowhere for ships to dock. When Newland and his colleagues take people on tours, they must travel to land by Zodiac.

Meanwhile the Northeast Passage, which runs along the Russian Coast, has long been developed by Russia.

"We're not even in the game," Newland says.

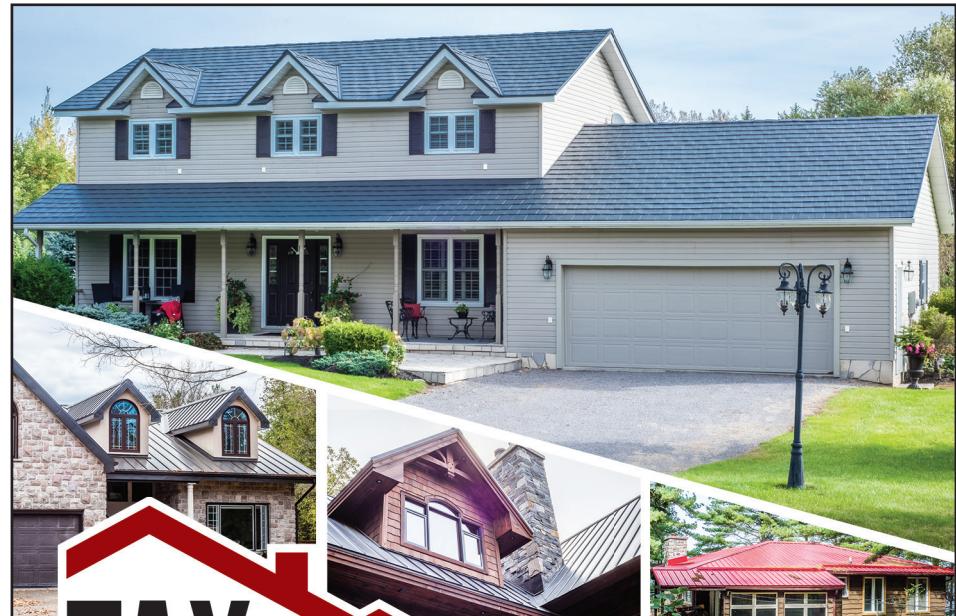
Besides, with the effects of climate change, there could soon be a third option, a more direct one. Called the "transpolar route," it would cross areas that have never before been open water, a straighter route down towards Iceland requiring less circumnavigation. According to research from the American Navy, Newland says by 2025, there could be as much as two weeks of open water to allow ships passage.

In 14 years, he says, there may be no more permanent sea ice at the North Pole.

Newland was at the hatchery March 31 as part of a speakers' series hosted by Yours Outdoors.



Adventurer David Newland spoke to a crowded house at the Haliburton fish hatchery about the Northwest Passage on March 30. Photo courtesy of Michelle Valberg.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair



Spring in Haliburton

by Darren Lum

Event full

AS SPRING CREEPS into the air – well, we at least hope it will soon – thoughts of summer are not too far off.

And with summer comes long warm nights, bonfires and fun filled weekends.

It's no secret that life in cottage country means that once the Victoria long-weekend arrives things tend to get a little bit hectic.

The roads have more cars on them, the grocery store lineups get longer and getting a table at your favourite restaurant might not be as easy as say, in February.

However, some of the best things about life in the Highlands in the summer are all the events that take place from May to October.

Yes, hardly a weekend goes by without something to keep you busy, whether it's a theatre performance, art show, bluegrass festival or much more.

This year is shaping up to be no different as two new events were introduced last week to two different councils.

One, a drum festival, is being proposed to take place in Haliburton this summer and was met with enthusiasm by Dysart council.

On the eastern part of the county a carnival is being organized over the civic holiday weekend by various volunteer organizations to raise funds for different causes.

The carnival is set to take place



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in Wilberforce and may include a concert, rides, a flea market and more.

One of the carnival's organizers, Curtis Tighe, told the paper the event will be similar to a past event known as Country Good Times.

Like many events in our area, Country Good Times took a toll on the volunteers who drove it, eventually running out of steam.

Tighe is hoping to bring back the magic of a once successful event with a reincarnated vision.

The story of Country Good Times is not uncommon, as so many events in this community are dependent on volunteer time and resources, which is often overburdened and limited.

So when a new idea or event is brought forward by a group of people, it's imperative to show some support and get behind the cause.

Recently news broke that the annual Forest Festival will not be taking place this summer.

The festival's exit, which is unfortunate, is all the more reason new events should be given our support. The unique initiatives that take place in Haliburton County, including the Highlands Summer Festival, the Minden Bluegrass Festival, Hike Haliburton, Katie's Run and so much more, are what make our area distinct and appealing for cottagers, tourists, and year round residents alike.

Out and about

LET'S GO OUT and about in April. I am definitely going out and about in April on my personal spring fling and with so many choices in and around the Village; it seems I will be very busy! From fun fundraiser dances to walks and special outdoor events, spring is everywhere. The Haliburton Village BIA is busy ordering flowers and new brackets for our poles so that we can have more street banners than ever before. Spring fling means the Haliburton Junction Skate Park will be the scene of happy engaged kids! The youth of this community are working tremendously hard, with the support of local organizations, businesses and individuals, to develop a variety of fundraising initiatives that will get the skate park rebuild project started this spring. The BIA has renewed its commitment to provide financial support for our skate park!

Looking ahead, the BIA will be promoting CTTT (Come To Town Tuesdays) and holding our annual spring sidewalk sale.

What does your spring fling look like? Perhaps you are planning to attend the Haliburton Legion's Facelift Fundraiser or the 5th Annual Haliburton Documentary Film Festival at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Both are taking place on April 9 as is Open Mic Night at the Museum. The Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Community Fundraiser hosted by Rhubarb and Boshkung Brewery is taking place on April 10. Did you know that there is a Squash House League in April at the Highlands Squash Club? On April 13 the Friends of the Library are hosting a Lunch & Learn with author Wayson Choy and the Folk Society is hosting the Crooked Brothers who are

performing on April 16. Razzamataz Kids' Shows are back again presenting "Queen of Colours" on Sunday, April 17. Then there is Earth Day on April 22! It's a great opportunity for an outing and maybe an outdoor spring clean-up too. Complete your Friday Earth Day by shopping and dining locally. Then on Sat. April 23 you can enjoy an evening of entertainment with local band Custom Blend at the Haliburton Community Support Services Fundraiser Dance at the Legion. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association is holding a Family Fun Day at the Fish Hatchery on April 30. Also on April 30, you can visit the Haliburton Highlands Museum and take in the Simply Pure Bath and Body Workshop where you can learn firsthand how to make natural body butter. OK, I am getting a little overwhelmed. April is my out and about month but with all these choices, and my volunteer commitments, I am starting to get tired just thinking about it. No worries, I

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can do this. I will remain strong and I know I will have to push myself a little. I know the end result will be worth it and I am certain to enjoy spring flinging. Small town life is truly chock full of wonderful things to do. I hope to see you out and about this month! But wait! There is one more important item to share. Please look for the new Recreation Directory. It will be distributed with County Life on April 21 and will feature spring/summer recreation and leisure activities offered throughout the county. There are some new and exciting activities listed. You will be sure to find it an amazing resource and planning guide for your out and about life!

points of view

Breaking the Internet

YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD I'm in the process of breaking the Internet.

I'm sorry to confirm it's true.

If Kim Kardashian is indeed the highly credible source I think she is, this is something you do by posing provocatively for a photo that people just have to see because you tell them they do.

Then, if I understand this correctly, when they do the wire that runs directly from the Internet to your photo gets full and blows up. And just like that the Internet gets broken. At least until the maintenance guy replaces that wire – which could take weeks.

OK, I could be wrong on the technical aspects.

The point is no matter how it actually occurs, consider this fair warning. The Internet, as you know it, is about to be broken. That means, if you've got something important to post on Facebook, you should probably do it soon.

Breaking the Internet was never my intent. All I did was post a photo on my Facebook page of me wearing the new coat Jenn bought me for my birthday.

Who knew dozens of people would go crazy for it?

I merely posted it to show appreciation but also ensure the general public was aware there is a new coat in town – before the rumours start.

So to be clear, that's not a new male model walking down the street, it's just me wearing the latest in spring fashion. Please refrain from whistling.

Unfortunately, things really got out of hand. As I write this, that "must-see" photo of me rocking a flattering ginger-pumpkin-coloured spring jacket has attracted an unbelievable 55 likes on my Facebook

page, and my mother hasn't even shared it yet.

Frankly, I was gob-smacked by the response, especially since these numbers rival those accumulated by last year's photo of my five-pound bass.

I showed this to my daughter and she said, "Right, Dad, you're going viral..." Then she rolled her eyeballs in the way overly proud teenagers do.

If I understand correctly, going viral is pretty well the precursor to breaking the Internet. Despite what she said, however, I'm not sure I've gone viral just yet. But I will say I woke up with the sniffles, so that's probably a good indicator of things to come.

To recap, I didn't ask to be an Internet sensation. I'm just a normal guy with rugged good looks, chiseled features and a sporty, ginger-pumpkin-coloured spring jacket. I'm no different than Clooney, Pitt or anyone else.

Sure, if this surge in Facebook "likes" continues, I will break the 60 mark by late next month. After that, I suspect, I'll be fielding calls from national talk shows and newspaper, all wanting me to divulge my "secret" or explain why I don't consider myself an overnight sensation.

Is this something I want?

Of course not. As you can clearly see from this column, I do not relish the attention that this fantastic photo (found in my Facebook post of April 3) is garnering me.

Frankly, it's getting ridiculous. I mean, people are already writing columns about this.

Having said that, I won't tell you not to join the ever-growing surge of people who think this photo is worth "liking." Go to my Facebook page and Like it if you want; after all, who am I to suggest you don't do what all the cool people and my mother are doing?

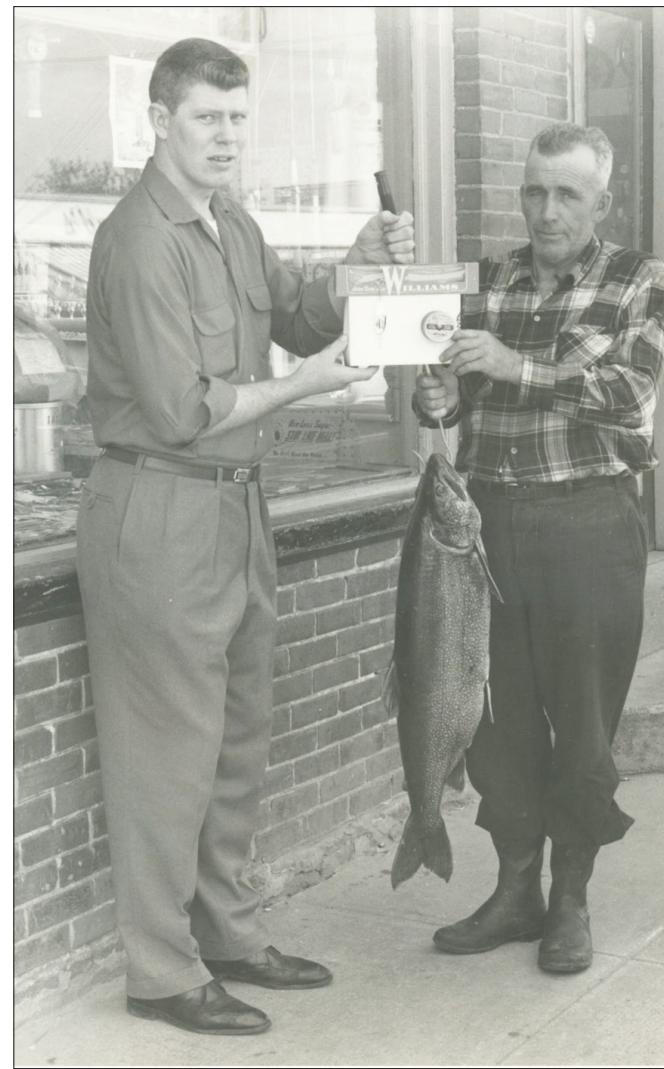
To be clear, once again, I am an unwilling participant in blowing up the Internet. And I'm not just saying this to avoid being billed for Internet repairs either. No, I'm saying this out of genuine appreciation to the Internet for what it has done for my potential career as Canada's first minus-sized male model.

Besides, if I blow up the Internet, how am I ever going to get to 70 likes?



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Lake trout caught by Len Herron in Drag Lake June 4, 1961, 37 inches long, 22 pound three ounces, girth 22. Caught on Williams medium silver spoon .010 Duro-Los line. Submitted by Doreen Rae

letters to the editor

Forest staff working with team on building permit issue

To the Editor,

Over the last two weeks, a wide range of opinions and positions have been published in local newspapers. We are grateful for those who expressed support for Haliburton Forest, respectful of those who did not, and in agreement with those who called for a way forward.

Our top priority right now is working towards a resolution with the chief building official and Dysart et al.

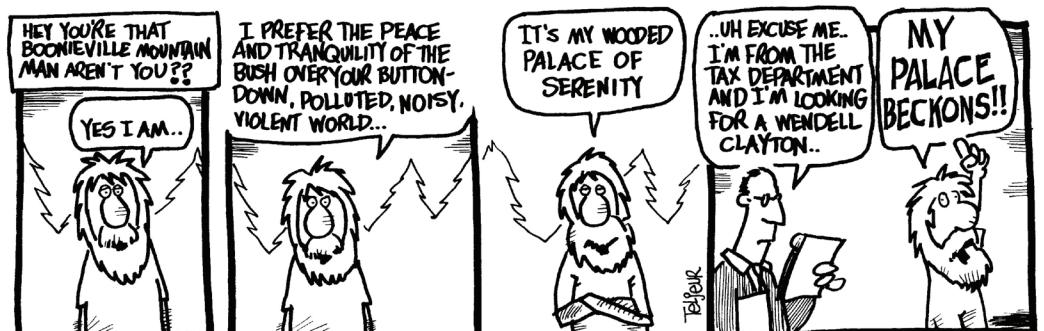
Accordingly, we have brought together an experienced and qualified team to examine the buildings and engage the chief building official on a technical level.

The team includes professional architects, a former senior municipal official, as well as an experienced builder who has worked with Haliburton Forest for several years. We have a positive perspective and we think that these are the right people to find solutions to the technical issues raised by the chief building official.

At this point, our team has reached out to the chief building official and we are waiting to hear about when he will be available to meet with us. We are hopeful that the meeting will be productive and soon.

Malcolm Cockwell,
Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve

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Hugging the ground

Garden



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Musings

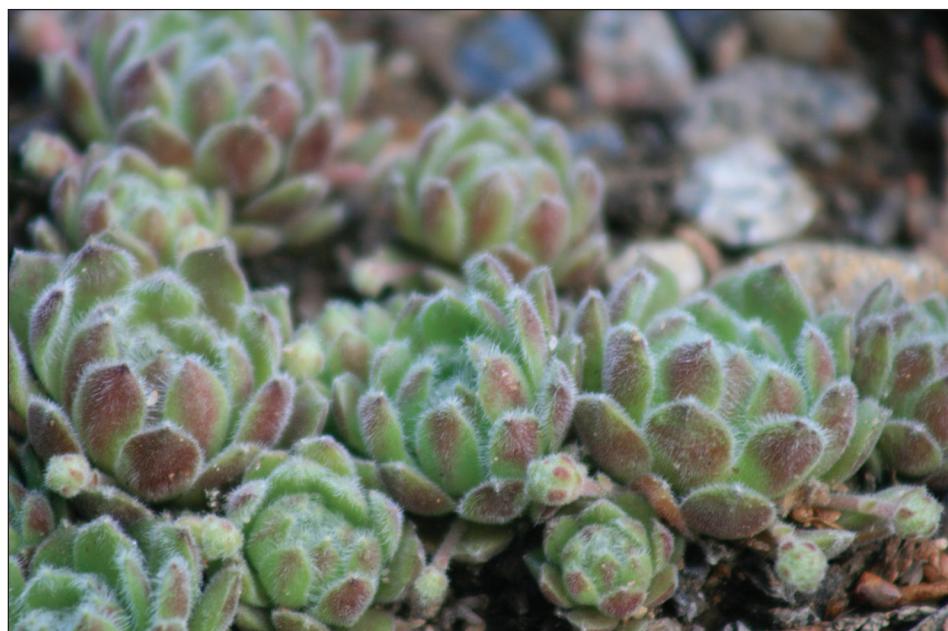
The snow is slowly pulling itself back into the shadow of the trees and for the first time in months there are glimpses of life in the flower borders by the house.

Even those people without a rabid interest in gardening are bending down to see what has come to life in the past few days.

My significant other was anxious to announce "those prickly things by the front door, porcupines or chickens, aren't they? Well, they are alive." And sure enough, the hen-and-chickens rosettes were beginning to plump up for the season ahead. Botanically speaking, they are called *Sempervivum*, which means "live forever." They are an excellent ground-hugger for the well-drained, rocky soil of our garden.

I was pleased to find some different varieties of hen-and-chicks at Agnew's in Wilberforce last year, including one with webbing called *arachnoides* – like in arachnid or spider. The webs are really long, fine hairs that protect the plants from wind. Another of my selections was quite a lovely shade of maroon. Both remain under snow but I am sure they are fine.

Ground hugging is a telling trait in the plant world. In fact, it is an adaptation



Hens and Chicks



Rock jasmine

that plants have made over ages to contend with the environment in their native range. Commonly called alpine plants, many ground-huggers come from that bit

of mountainous terrain between the tree line and the un-melted snowcaps. As you can imagine, they are places of bitter cold, strong winds, steep slopes and shallow rocky soils caused by very slow decomposition.

The plants literally hug the ground so to avoid the worst of the wind and to gather heat from the rocks. Many will

grow long taproots to reach down deep for water that condenses on the underside of the rocks. Hairs, as mentioned, help break the wind and some of the plants take on a reddish tinge that allows them to absorb more of the sun's heat.

One such plant, a white-flowering rock jasmine is growing in a trough container. Cuddling against the corner, it grows to only three-foot tall when in flower. This little beauty seems happy here in Tory Hill even though its original home is high in the Himalayas.

Common garden plants like phlox, bell-flowers and pinks have cousins that are ground-huggers, too. Unusually, while the plants are small, the flowers are full sized. One of my favourites is the bell-flower, *Campanula aucheri*, with pretty up-facing flowers. Like the rock jasmine, it was planted in a trough so that it doesn't get lost among the larger perennials.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention at least one native hugger. My choice is field pussytoes, *Antennaria neglecta*, a lovely little mat-forming perennial with grey leaves. This plant is growing happily in the natural lands on a sandy slope but I also grow it in the rockery by the house. The soft pussytoes are a perfect foil for the rocks and when they flower, little native bees can be seen hugging the ground-huggers! It is a win/win.

A Place Called Home closes Haliburton office

After several years of providing a suite of homeless prevention services to the County of Haliburton, A Place Called Home is passing the torch.

Three years ago, A Place Called Home had an opportunity to address what was viewed as a challenging problem: how to provide better homeless support services to the County of Haliburton.

"The reality of the geographic nature of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County is that residents understandably don't want to move out of their community and away from their support systems to access services," says Lorrie Polito, executive director of APCH. "The large and remote area of Haliburton County, with such a large seasonal population, is complicated and more difficult to serve and is a monumental challenge for both residents and service providers."

Recognizing this, in 2013 the agency applied to the federal Homeless Partnering Strategy funding stream and were approved to operate a pilot project to look at how best to serve the community's needs. The response was significant with hundreds of calls for help coming in the first year, with the greatest need being assistance with heat and energy related crises (hydro, heating oil, propane and firewood).

Following the 6-month pilot, APCH was awarded an 18-month grant to continue operations until March 31, 2016.

"We are very proud of the programs we created and the services we offered in Haliburton County where there was nothing like it previously," stated Polito.

"This feels like the right time to pass on the administration of these services to those in the community who are now equipped to move forward with the work we began, offering hope and services to those who face housing crises in Haliburton County."

"Our agency feels strongly and understands the importance of not duplicating services," says Polito. "With the opening of the City of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Help Centre and the growth of Heat Bank Haliburton County, the major

ity of the services we originally launched have been picked up by at least one of these groups. The decision has been made to refocus on our core program: providing emergency shelter to families, youth and adults who are without a home. We are confident that Heat Bank Haliburton County, being an organically rooted service with a history and familiarity of the community, is well positioned to take over where we are leaving off for a number of our previous services."

In addition to the services being provided by the Housing Help Centre, Heat Bank Haliburton County will continue to assist county residents with heat and energy specific concerns. HBHC committee member Tina Jackson says, "as one of our founding agencies, we give thanks to A Place Called Home for the work that they have done to date to improve the lives of those impacted by poverty and housing-insecurity in our community. They filled a critical gap in services for those struggling to maintain their homes and raised awareness of the issues of rural homelessness within our community. Heat Bank Haliburton County will carry on providing support to those struggling with heat and hydro-related crises and will work with our community partners to deliver unique programming that aims to keep people housed."

A Place Called Home will continue to provide emergency shelter to residents of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County who have nowhere to stay at the end of their day.

A Place Called Home will also maintain provision of Youth Trustee services for those ages 16 to 18 on social assistance. Youth Trustee staff will visit the county on a regular basis.

To enquire about Youth Trustee or Emergency Shelter services, A Place Called Home staff can be reached by calling 705-328-0905 or toll free 1-866-520-2689.

Heat Bank Haliburton County staff will continue to be available by calling 705-306-0565.

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The Pump Shops expertise extends beyond residential and cottage services. In fact, they have designed and installed water systems for most resorts, hospitals and children's camps in the County.

Their willingness to help with water issues doesn't stop at the County's borders. Wade is a Team Leader with Water Ambassadors Canada – an organization that helps provide safe water in Third World countries. They've participated in eight international trips to install and repair wells and filter systems for those in need.

The Pump Shop, located at 5161 County Road #21 in Haliburton, is also a member of the Ontario Groundwater Association, our local Home Builder's Association and Chamber of Commerce too.

"1 billion people worldwide lack access to clean water," Jesse says. "We know how important water is."

To find out more visit [www.thepumpshop.ca](http://thepumpshop.ca) or email Jesse at jesse@thepumpshop.ca or call 705-457-2638.





Top left, Buttercup, a bumboat woman (a person who sells provisions by boat) played by Sarah Patrick, stands with Captain Cocoran, played by Wayne Cooper.

Bottom left, Dick Dead Eye, played by Stephen Thayer, far right, sings beside Ralph, played by Chris Chumbley.



Laughs ahoy!

Ralph, as played by Chris Chumbley, shares a scene with love interest Josephine, the captain's daughter, as played by Hannah Klose, in the first half of the *HMS Pinafore* musical by Gilbert and Sullivan. Staged by the Highlands Little Theatre, the musical opened on Thursday, March 31 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Sir Joseph Porter, played by Guy Pritchard, sings with Ralph, played by Chris Chumbley, asking him a series of questions in the first half.



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Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) are bringing back the Sunday Rambles beginning this Sunday, April 10. Everyone is welcome, and it's free.

Meet at Lochlin Community Centre parking lot, ready to walk the Rail Trail at 11 a.m. sharp. Ramblers plan to gather for a social lunch afterwards at Baked and Battered in Haliburton Village. FoRT, for short, ran this popular series of guided walks exploring different sections of the 34 km long Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT) each spring for five years from 2009 until April 2013.

The Rail Trail Rambles series was originally designed to take advantage of the two ATV-free months (April and May) on the HCRT.

As an experiment, FoRT is going to try running Rambles on the HCRT for 10 weeks this season.

"It will be interesting to see if we can recapture the magic of that first round of Sunday Rambles," said Pamela Marsales, chairwoman of FoRT. FoRT is currently on a campaign to rebuild their membership, which began

with a retrospective at Rails End Gallery earlier this year and will continue with special events such as the Kevin Callan paddles TAG (Toronto to Algonquin Greenway) lunch at Wanakita on Sunday, April 17. This event will follow a Sunday Ramble.

"There is really nothing else like the Sunday Rambles," said Marsales. "They are relaxed social outings offering free family-friendly, dog-friendly outdoors programming to all ages and abilities. There are always surprising snippets of history, nature and a chance to meet new people. Hundreds took advantage of this over the years; many friendships began and have endured. Each Ramble is unique, visiting different habitat areas and historical features that you wouldn't find any other way. Each includes a planned social lunch 'Après' - also varied and unique, including local flavours and venues."

For more info about the Rambles or the Wanakita lunch, call Marsales at 705-457-4767.

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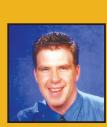
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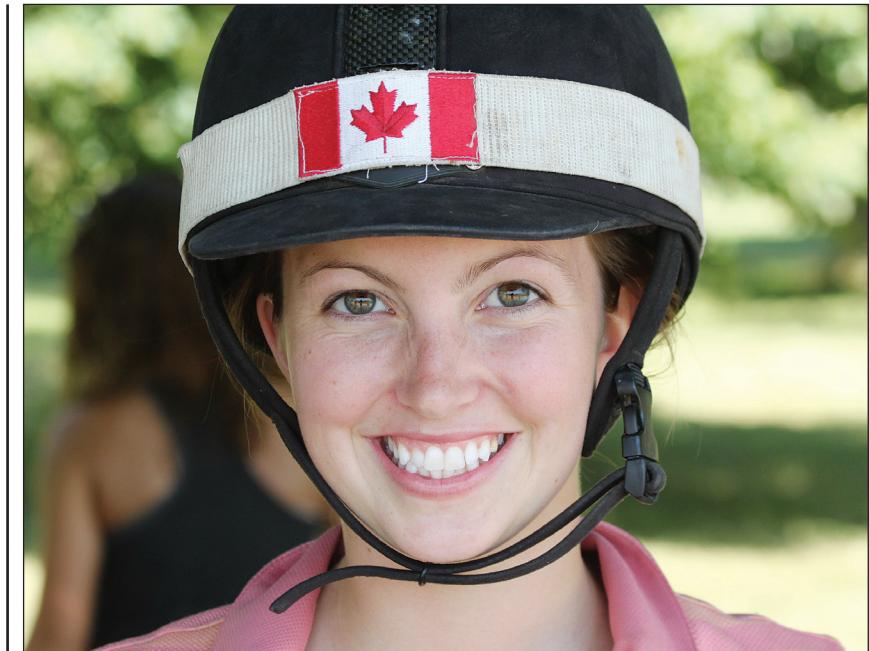
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Jumping Jaguar

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguar Rebecca Archibald, left, leaps up to challenge for a ball against a Bobcaygeon Lakers player during the North Zone Girls Volleyball Tournament at the Haliburton school on Tuesday, March 29. The tournament included Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the Langton Trailblazers. JDHES beat ASES, but did not advance. They will host the District Girls Volleyball Tournament on April 12./DARREN LUM Staff



Harcourt's Jocelyn Donaldson will compete for Canada from July 11 to 17 in the open category at the 30th annual World Team Championships for mounted games at the Green Glens Arena in Millstreet, County Cork, Ireland. This is her first world event. Photo submitted by Tammy Donaldson

Harcourt mounted games competitor readies to represent Canada

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Just a few weeks after her equestrian protege earned a trip to represent Canada in Ireland, Jocelyn Donaldson followed suit by earning a berth to compete from July 11 to 17 in the open category of the same event, the 30th annual World Team Championships for mounted games at the Green Glens Arena in Millstreet, County Cork, Ireland.

The 26-year-old, who started with pony games and then transitioned to mounted games, said it's been steady progress towards this pinnacle for her equine sport.

"It's an honour to be picked best in Canada and go over and represent and hopefully do well," she said.

Donaldson is excited and proud about travelling to the "Olympics" for mounted games as a member of Canada's 2016 Open Worlds team.

She said a strong performance at her last tryout of three tryouts was a factor in making the team.

The team has five riders and an alternate. Donaldson joins Jessie-Lyn Boadway, Jesse Durward, Nathan Kersten and Kendra Abbey, including Mercedes Weber as the alternate.

In the lead up, she plans to increase her mounted games practice from two days to up to five days a week. This includes a fitness pro-

gram and a refinement to her diet to include more protein to build and maintain muscle.

Getting to compete at the world event with her student Alyssa Bogardis is a great reward.

"It's pretty good feeling I helped her achieve her goal and I got to do the same for me. I can't be that bad of a coach if I landed on the team too," she said, chuckling.

The pair's attendance, she said, will be helpful to both of them.

Donaldson said being there will enable her to empathize with her student in regards to nervousness.

"It's kind of nice we get to do it together and support each other. It's nice we're both from Haliburton [County]. That doesn't happen that often. Small towns get recognized," she said.

Despite any perceived challenges related to scheduling, Donaldson said little if any coaching is actually required in the minutes and seconds leading up to an event.

With 17 countries such as host country Ireland, USA, Australia, Norway and South Africa competing, this world event will feature the best mounted games riders in the world.

However for Donaldson the opportunity to meet them will be as good, if not, better than competing against them.

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Jocelyn Donaldson and pony Darsha compete in the game called Litter at a mounted games competition located just outside Woodville, Ontario. In Litter, a rider races down to the far end of the field with the litter stick and as they turn to come home they pick up a piece of "litter". They then race back to the start/finish line while putting the litter into a bin on the way home and pass off the little stick to the next rider on their team. Photo submitted by Tammy Donaldson

Donaldson anticipates a grand reception in Ireland

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"It's more about the relationships you make in the sport than anything else," she said.

It will also be an opportunity to revisit with friends, met through competition over the years in the sport.

Described in an earlier Echo article, the mounted games require a high degree of riding skill, athletic ability, hand-eye coordination, drive and team work between team members, including the rider and the horse. Danger and possible injury is always a reality in every competition in these high stake games. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jMJUftBtKs> for video. In the competitions the races are between teams of four riders on ponies, measuring less than 14 hands high that race in a relay format where the teams must ride in their own lanes like track and field. Each rider takes its turn until everyone has finished. The first team wins.

This sport is much grander and more popular in Europe than North America.

There is history, a following and the ponies have a rich lineage. The difference between ponies here and there Donaldson isn't sure yet, but is anxious to find out.

"I'm really excited to ride ponies from over there. I don't know I'll be able to tell you," she said, laughing when asked about the differences. "It's kind of like cars. You know a European car [compared] to a Canadian made car. Not that our ponies aren't great, but over there they have a little better bloodline."

Here in Canada very few people watch mounted games.

Over there this world event will have a grandstand, which she expects to be filled with

enthusiastic spectators very knowledgeable about the sport. She hopes the sport grows so that it is better attended.

"It would be great to have more awareness of this sport so maybe it would become a spectator sport like baseball," she said.

She is not overly concerned with adjusting to the provided ponies, a reality for the world competitors unable to bring their own mounts.

"It'll probably be a little nerve-wracking because I'll be riding borrowed ponies. I won't know who I'm riding until I get over there," she said.

This isn't new for the lifelong rider with the beaming smile and easy-going demeanor, who says most of it is in your head.

"The problem that a lot of people get is they're used to their own pony ... I've been very fortunate I have had multiple ponies throughout my life," she said.

Donaldson has ridden in two pony club competitions with borrowed ponies at a competition in British Columbia and Nova Scotia. She has regularly ridden a variety of other ponies. She also grew up helping her mother, Tammy Donaldson, an operator of the South Algonquin Trails – a horse riding service in Harcourt. Riding a variety of ponies, going through the variety of games helps with reconciling with that challenge. She's realistic about her goals in regards to results at the world event.

All she wants is for the team to perform consistently, particularly when the ponies are an unknown entity.

"If we can work as well as we can as a team with whatever we get handed then I don't see how anyone wouldn't be happy with it," she said.

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Local skaters proud of provincial skating achievement

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Talking to the senior bronze dance pairs team it's apparent the members are as different as night and day.

Haliburton's Isaac Little is very comfortable talking while his skating dance partner Minden's Ruthie Parker would rather let her skating do the talking than explain their fourth place at the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships on March 20 at the Countryside Sports Complex in Sudbury.

However what the Minden Figure Skating Club members share is a passion for skating and the enviable red jackets, awarded only to skaters successful in making the provincial championships.

Little is proud about the jacket and the result of the hard work put in by the pair, who have improved drastically since coming together in October.

"We came from being so pathetic. We didn't know the steps [of our dance number] to [we] should have won bronze. It just feels good because I know we did our best. That's all we can do," he said, referring to narrowly missing of the podium.

The eastern Ontario representatives were edged off the podium by a little more than two tenths of a point by the team of Shannon Woods and Pier Nauta of the Thamesford Skating Club.

Little explains that initially when the results were announced he and Parker were named as the third place finishers. They were elated and had little reason to doubt it because the team they were chasing in the standings finished behind them after the last skate. However when there was a correction announcement placing them fourth, it left them disappointed, but not displeased with their effort.

The satisfaction they felt despite the result is owed to the team's improvement over the season, which came from the pairs change in mindset and is owed to their coaches, Little said.

"We just decided to buy in to what the coaches were telling us. That would be Jane Symons and Dave Hol-



Dance pairs team Ruthie Parker of Minden and Isaac Little of Haliburton are proud of their red jackets, earned for their berth to the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships from March 18 to 20 at the Countryside Sports Complex in Sudbury. Although the Minden Figure Skating club members missed third place by two-tenths of a point, the 14-year-olds are proud of their achievement, particularly since they only came together this past October./DARREN LUM Staff

lows, mostly," he said.

The two skaters are strong friends off the ice and have known each other for close to five years.

"It just made it easier because when you know someone better you know you can say things to make you guys get better so that you will do your best. You know they won't be offended because you're just trying to make you guys win," Little said.

He's complimentary about his reserved partner, calling her "an amazing skater and a great friend."

"It was great to skate with her because we just made sure we had fun. At all-Ontario's we just made sure to smile that we got to all-ontario's so just be proud and do our best," Little said.

Parker enjoyed her season and how she finished it.

Although she has skated for 11 years, she valued the accomplishment because it was her first team achievement. She acknowledged the individual achievement and the recognition it provided her club.

The 14-year-old admitted to being very nervous at the EOSIC (Eastern Ontario STARSkate Invitational Championship), the provincial qualifier. The team finished third and she put it behind her at the all-provincials.

Her strong performance at the provincials was owed greatly to improved confidence related to the process in the pairs skating and their friendship.

"I thought we could do it," she said. "We improved a lot so that gave me more courage."

Her partner noticed the difference in her.

"This time she was just ready to do it and she skated the best I've ever seen her skate," Little said.

Little, who kept his totals from Winterskate, the first competition en route to all-provincials, shows how they went from barely crossing the 10 point threshold to the 13.40 at the Skate Ontario event.

The dramatic improvement in their scores was owed to better familiarity with the dance steps, she said.

"We improved a lot because we started to ... under-

stand how to do the dance a lot more. That made us better," she said.

Symons said losing by two-tenths of a point "is about as close as you can get."

Despite missing the podium, she is proud of her skaters and said this is an example of how the standard of skating has improved at her club.

Abby Rosik, 10, and part-time member of Fenelon Falls Braydon Lynch, 14, took top spot in the junior bronze dance category at the EOSIC event. Unfortunately, this team did not complete testing by the Nov. 1 deadline and were not eligible to receive their red jacket and compete at the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships.

Symons credits fellow coach Hollows with the bulk of the coaching for the pair. They divided the coaching in that she taught finesse while he was responsible mainly for the power side of things.

Symons said if this team stayed together next year they would be a team of reckoning.

However Little has already decided he will pursue hockey all winter.

He adds he plans to frame his red jacket and skates in a box and hang it on his wall.

Parker understands the decision to continue next year rests with her partner, but she hopes he would reconsider.

Part of his decision rests with being a good partner.

"I don't want to make a commitment to Ruthie and not be able to be there if we have a competition," he said.

He is aware there are a lot people that hope he changes his mind, but he believes this is a great way to end his figure skating.

"It's a good way to end because I know that there really wasn't anything else we could have accomplished. We did what we wanted to do. We strived to get to all-Ontario's and that was really important, really good to me that we did that," he said.



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Trump with a 'T' for Trouble

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Why, if ol' Maybelle didn't find herself smack dab in the middle of a hot political debate right here in Lake Waddya-thinkimean, don'tcha know. Custard pies were flyin'.

Water pistols were sprayin'. Spoutin' turned to shoutin'. And all because somebody said the "T" word.

There we were in my rec room (and boy did it get wrecked) having what I thought was going to be a delish potluck and Crokinole party when Luther Conklin (a cottager from Florida) said: "So what do y'all think of my man, Trump?"

That was it. He said it. He dropped the "T" word.

"Trump?" said Nancy Funnish, a Yankee from New York who cottages in Lake W. "You mean, Trump, the Troublemaker?"

"Troublemaker," Luther shouted, his face getting all twisty like a Sizzler stick. "Oh, you're one of THOSE!"

Why, if the heat in that room didn't go from *luke to on fire* in a nano-second. Before you could say, "Let's change the subject," all six American cottagers were screaming at each other at the top, bottom, and sides of their lungs.

As for me and my Canuck buds who were there...Twindle, Beanpole, Vilma, Officer McBottom, Sybil ... we watched the sparks fly as our jaws dropped open like busted glove compartments.

"He's a raving egomaniac."

"He's speaks the truth!"

"Truth shmooth. He's got a toilet for a mouth."

"He knows what the people want."

"He knows nada. What he *does* know is how to appeal to racists and fear mongers."

"Tea anyone?" I said. "Homemade scones and jam?"

Rudy Jensen, a cottager who lives in Ohio shouted: "He joyfully encourages violence. It took him a whole 48 hours to disavow white supremacy."

Twindle stood up, shaking like a leaf. "Excuse me, can I get a word in here, please?"

Officer McBottom, in a louder voice, shouted: "Give Twindle a chance to talk."

Suddenly, the daggers fell from the cottagers' eyes and all were on little Twindle Mumbly.

"I'm a Canadian, and proud of it.

But what goes on in the States concerns me. We're neighbours and can't help but be affected. I've been watching the news about the election and I honestly have to say, I'm appalled. The Republican party has changed so much that it really should call itself something else. The American people voted in Barack Obama twice ... that's who the majority of voters in the States wanted. And he won by a large margin to boot. But I have never seen such disrespect shown for their President than by the Republicans. Why the U.S. Senate treats him like he's invisible. And Congress, don't get me started. They out and out said, whatever he wants, we're against it.

What kind of serving your country is *that*? And try to make me believe it has nothing to do with his colour...because he's one of the most intelligent and articulate presidents the U.S. has ever had."

"Wait just a minute," Luther said.

Officer McB, a towering figure, gave

Luther a look that made him freeze in place.

The cottagers fell silent. Twindle moved to the center of the room.

"Luther, you've always struck me as a sensible man. But did you know that Donald Trump's potential presidency is rated among the top 10 global risks by the Economy Intelligence Unit? That's right. Their research warns that he could disrupt the global economy and heighten political and security risks in the U.S. Is this man, who wants to build a wall to keep Mexicans out, people he's called rapists ... and wants to keep refugees out of the country ... is he really the person you believe will be able to negotiate peace in the world? He surely doesn't strike me as a caring human being ... but someone who will say whatever he thinks will rile people up and get him the power he wants. Is this really who you want to see as your next president?"

Twindle started to hyperventilate. "Regardless of how the media's been painting the picture...he's not going to win over the whole country. *that* I'm sure of."

And then, if Twindle didn't buckle to his knees.

"TWINDLE!" we all shouted, circling him like hens.

Then, Heffner MacIntyre Sherman, a retired doctor from Minnesota, calmed Twindle as we all helped him to the couch. "He'll be alright," Heffner said. "I suggest a large dose of clarity for the rest of you, however."

Luther piped in: "You talkin' to me, Doc? Because, if you are, I'm leaving."

"See ya, Luther," Vilma said.

"Bye-bye ol' sport," Sybil clucked.

"I'll walk you to the door," Officer McB said.

"Now, now," I said. "Trump may be a troublemaker, but not in my house. Luther, as much as I don't agree with

you, you are my neighbour and friend. He's your friend, too," I said, eyeballing the others. "So, let's all take a big deep breath and be together in peace. Besides, I have another custard pie that I'll bring out if you all promise not to throw it!"

Then, unexpectedly, Doc Sherman's wife, Jenna, a wee gal with curly white hair, stood up and said: "Excuse me, Maybelle, I have something to say, too."

Eyes widened and stared. Jenna was the shyest of our group and rarely spoke out about anything.

"I'm excited about what's going on," she said. "Donald Trump has taken the lid off of a smoldering racism that has never gone away in the southern states. And by doing that, he's compelled young people across America to passionately back the vision of Democrat Bernie Sanders who is all about fairness and equality for all races, religions, cultures and economic groups. Even if he falls out of the race, these young people will be the next generation who'll get into politics and work at setting things right."

"And on that positive note," I said, "let's eat!"

My custard pie was enjoyed by all, including Luther, who eased back into the group. The potluck was a big hit thanks to the sausage he brought, the macaroni pie that Vilma made, the figs au gratin from Sybil, and the lentil and avocado salad from Twindle.

The election wasn't mentioned again. Instead, we challenged each other on the Crokinole board...playfully, civilly, in the spirit of friendship.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, *Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon*, is available at amazon.com.

Legion recognizes winners of annual Remembrance Day contest

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Their entries were about reflection and remembering, as more than 160 students submitted 132 entries into this year's annual Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest.

The winning entries were recognized at an awards ceremony held April 1 at the Legion, where winners were honoured for their poems, posters and essays.

Legion youth education chairman Brian Hambly thanked all the participants for their entries, which came from Stuart Baker Elementary School, JD Hodgson and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, as well as one home entry.

The results were:

Poem contest

Senior: Victoria Hawley, first place.

Intermediate: Emma Bootin, first place. Charlotte Paton, second place. Jessica Byers, third place.

Junior: Sophie Lafferty, first place. Kaitlynne Fischer, second place. Sophie Longe, third place.

Essay contest

Senior: Victoria Hawley, first place.

Intermediate: Charlotte Paton, first place. Monique Dulong, second place. Aria Smolen, third place.

Junior: Campbell Itani Smith, first

place. Cassidy McMullen-Szpk, second place. Alyssa Morisette, third place.

Poster contest-black and white

Senior: no entries

Intermediate: Morgan Burke, first place. Ania Smolen, second place. Emma Brohm, third place.

Junior: Alyssa Morisette, first place. Isabel Mill, second place. Jocelynne Isabelle Lafleur, third place.

Primary: Cheyenne Degeur, first place. Joshua Scheffe, second place. Taliah Dumas-Stephenson, third place.

Poster contest-colour

Senior: no entries.

Intermediate: Brandon Pettipas-Elkins, first place. Connie Oh, second place.

Junior: Abigail Lewis, first place. Mya Jones, second place. Natasha Hewer, third place.

Primary: Annabelle Borgdorff, first place. Tate Itani Smith, second place. Leanne Sidsworth, third place.

Zone level winners

Victoria Hawley, first place senior level for poem and first place for essay.

Campbell Itani Smith, first place intermediate level for essay.

Emma Bootin, second place intermediate level for poem.

Morgan Burke, second place intermediate level for poster.

Annabelle Borgdorff, second place primary level for poster.



A number of local youth were recognized on April 1 at the Haliburton Legion for their winning entries in the annual Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest. This year's contest had 162 entries from 132 students, ranging from Grade 1 through to high school. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Sophie Lafferty, third place junior level for poem.

District level winners

Victoria Hawley, first place for poem and second place for essay.



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Custom Blend to perform in support of Community Support Services

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When Walter Tose retired from a career in teaching, he wanted to stay active and give back to the community.

So Tose began volunteering his time as a driver for Community Care, now known as Community Support Services.

Tose has been a driver for the organi-

zation for the past five years and has also helped organize the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, which was not held this year for various reasons.

Since getting involved with the health services organization, the retired teacher has been amazed at the amount of programs they offer to the community, including Meals on Wheels, Adult Day programs, assisted living, emergency response, friendly visiting, geriatric assessment, Home Help and much more.

"There's over 200 volunteers in the county working for them and about a dozen staff," said Tose.

He signed on to be a driver for the organization and finds it both rewarding and not difficult, as it is a flexible commitment and an opportunity to meet new people.

"It just gives you another perspective on life," he said. "That's the rewarding part, you're providing a service for them doing something that's not too onerous."

An avid musician and member of local band Custom Blend, Tose and the band had this idea that each member was to pick a charity of their choice to support, and he chose CSS.

"I went to the band last fall and said why don't we host a dance?" he said.

On Saturday, April 23 Custom Blend will be performing at a fundraiser dance in support of CSS at the Haliburton Legion.

When he introduced the idea Tose was met with support and people were immediately on board, helping to secure door prizes, create posters free of charge and more.

The event will serve multiple purposes, including raising money for Community Support Services but also creating a fun night out for the public.

Tose describes the band as a group that plays a variety of genres, but mostly focuses on classic rock and roll.

All five members, with the exception of drummer Cathy Salvatori, provide vocals, said Tose.

For the upcoming fundraiser the band will include a sixth special guest, Charlie Davis.

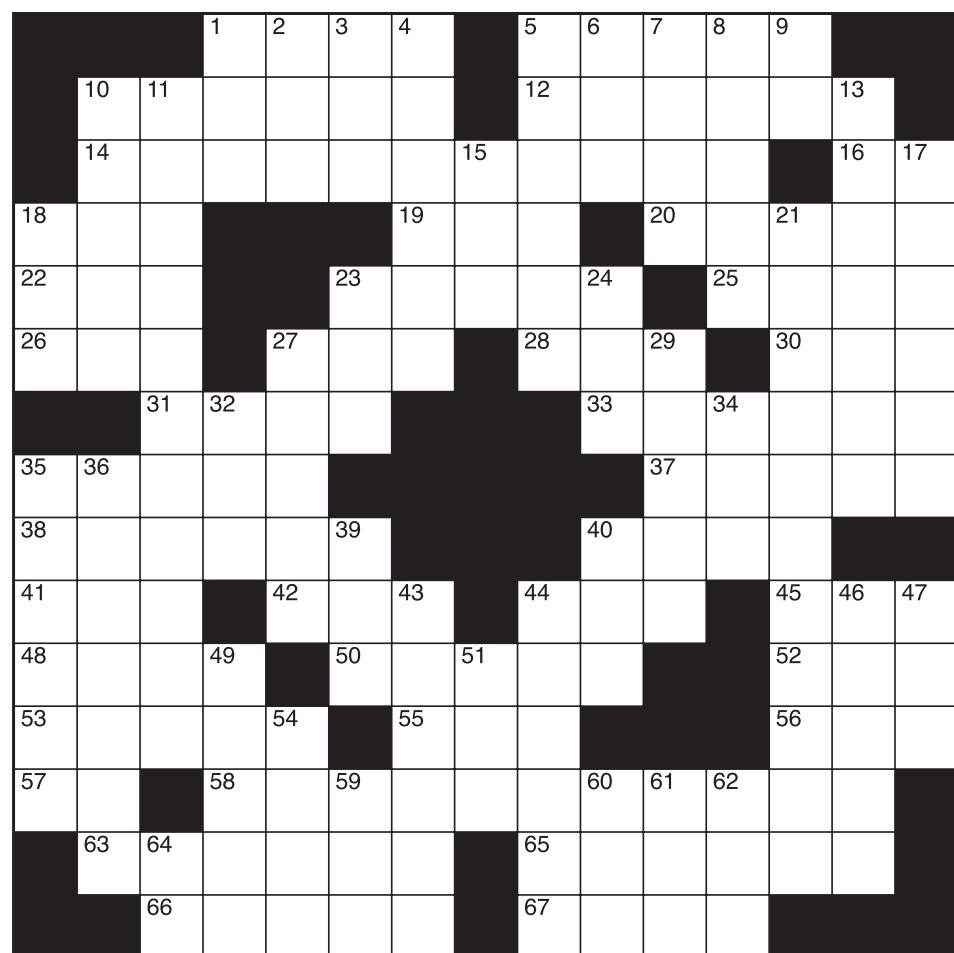
A retired cottager, Davis has been a musician for most of his life, playing harmonica and singing.

Other members of the band include Dave Bathe, Andy Salvatori, Bill Hutson, Tose and Cathy.

"We do some original tunes but it's really classic rock and roll covers," said Tose. "We try to do a cross section from everything including Van Morrison to Grand Funk Railroad to Hootie and the Blowfish."

Doors for the event open at 7:30 p.m., with music starting at 8:15 p.m. There will be late night snacks provided.

Tickets are \$20, or \$15 if you're a staff member or volunteer for Community Support Services. They are available at Halco Electronics in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden. Or they can be purchased through Tose by calling 705-457-4514 or Bathe at 705-286-2950.



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- Actor DeLuise
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Local band Custom Blend are performing at a fundraiser dance in support of Community Support Services on Saturday, April 23 at the Haliburton Legion. The rock and roll group will be performing hits from throughout the decades. Tickets are \$20. Submitted

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The Loop Troupe Little Theatre is back in action with enthusiasm and commitment. A cast of eight and supporting crew continue preparing for performances of a mystery-comedy entitled *Who Murdered Who?* They will be ready to hit the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre stage in just a few weeks. They will have you on the edge of your seat following the twists and turns of the tale they have to tell. Be ready to laugh as well.

The performances are on the evenings of Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. Tickets are \$10 available at the door. Students will be admitted free.

Members of the Wilberforce Book Club met last Wednesday at the library to share their thoughts about a book they had read during March. With Jacquie Roberston, author of *As The Fog Clears* present the discussion was lively. Many aspects of this novel set during the War of 1812-14 mainly in the Niagara Peninsula area were examined. This historical Canadian war story of fictional characters and actual ones such as General Isaac Brock and Laura Secord brought up current issues of war and refugees. Comparisons of the emotional reactions and conduct of two major male characters one villainous and one heroic were compared and contrasted. Questions about writing and publishing also arose.

Thanks Jacquie for being there as always. This book is available at the library and for sale locally at Agnew's Store and in Haliburton at Master's Book Store.

Congratulations to the Haliburton Little Theatre for their fine production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*. Thanks

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- DATE: Monday May 2nd, 2016
- TIME: 5:00 pm
- LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch 129:
 - Purpose and Effect: the Legion has consent to sever their property into two separate lots. They intend to sell the west half of the property for commercial purposes.
 - (i) Application to amend the Official Plan: the proposed amendment changes the designation on the west half of the subject lands from the *Institutional Areas* designation to the *Commercial Areas* designation. This will permit commercial use of this property.
 - (ii) Application to amend the Zoning By-law: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands from the Urban Institutional zone (IU) to the General Commercial xx Exception zone (C-xx) to permit the use of the existing building for commercial purposes. Site specific zone provisions will be included to properly regulate the development of the land and recognize the location of the existing building. In particular, the proposed by-law requires a 6 metre rear building setback, a 0 metre setback from the existing right of way, 1 loading space and 3 parking spaces.
 - These applications are a condition of application for consent H-007/16.
 - Location: Part Lot 17, Concession 8, further described as part of Lot 2, Block H, Plan 1, Geographic Township of Dysart. The property is located at 719 Mountain Street.
2. Lands of Beachli: Application to Amend the Zoning By-law:
 - Purpose and Effect: to more clearly define the minimum building opening elevation on the property, based upon criteria provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources for adjoining properties.
 - Amendment to the R1-3L zone to 349.87 metres CGD.
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 8, Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 8, Plan 1, Geographic Township of Dysart (Un-named road off Pine Avenue).

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton (who are the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed official plan amendment and the proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for review by appointment at the Planning Department at the Dysart Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of April, 2016.

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Director of Planning Development

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

David Barry, son of Rose (and the late Wren Barry) of the Irish Line, was home for 10 days from St. Catharines

recently. David's work at St. Catharines Hospital involves acute in patient care of the Mental Health Unit.

The Food Hub at Abbey Gardens is open on Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 754-4769 for the other options at the Gardens.

Congratulation to the fine cast of HMS Pinafore on the excellence of their performance of this Gilbert and Sullivan favourite. We're so proud of the Guilford element engaged in the production. Wayne Cooper starred as the captain of the Pinafore, Christopher Chumbley as Rafe, the lovestruck sailor, David Barker as carpenter and David Zilstra and Norris Turner in the men's chorus plus

Beth Johns in the ladies chorus. The carpentry students who built the ship for the set also deserve much credit for their fine work on stage. Vicki Sisson contributed her time and talent to the crew on deck as lobby volunteer.

Euchre Scores:

High: Ann McIvor, Rod Smyth

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Most Lone Hands: Barbara Brownsberger, Bob Clark

Specials: Pat Smyth, Barbara Brownsberger

Book of the Month: Local Customs by Audrey Thomas

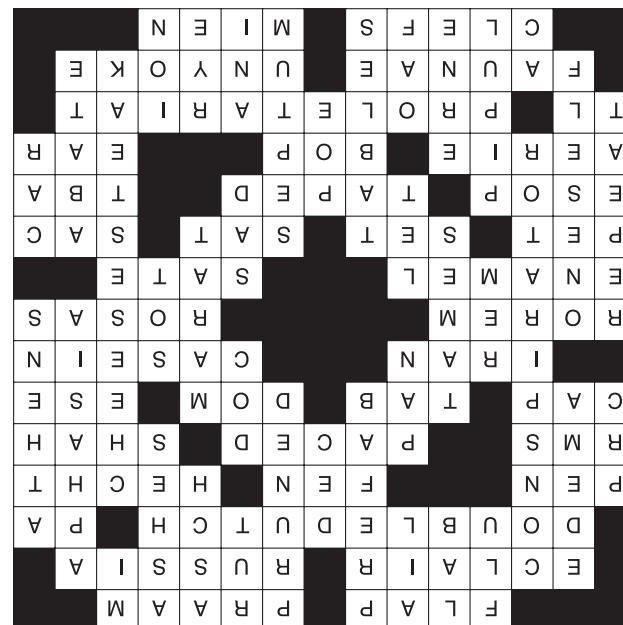
Letitia Landon, "Letty" to her friends, is an intelligent, witty, successful writer, much sought after for dinner parties and soirées in the London of the 1830s. But, still single at 36, she fears ending up as a wizened crone in a dilapidated country cottage, a cat her only companion.

Just as she is beginning to believe she will never marry, she meets George Maclean, home on leave from his posi-

tion as the governor of Cape Coast Castle on the Gold Coast of West Africa. George and Letty marry quietly and set sail for Cape Coast. Eight weeks later she is dead — not from malaria or dysentery or any of the multitude of dangers in her new home, but by her own hand. Or so it would seem.

Local Customs examines, in poetic detail, a way of life

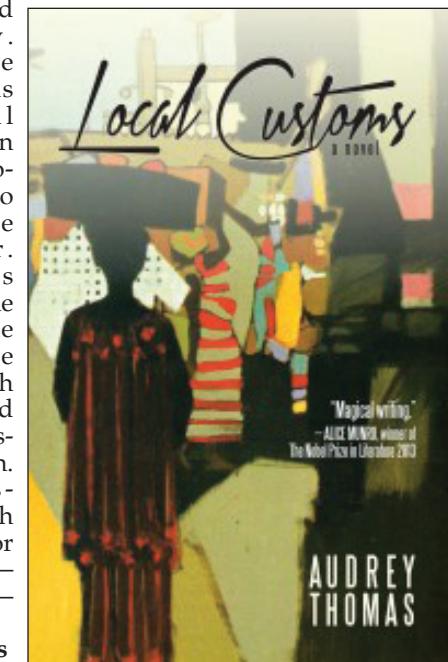
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that has faded into history. It was a time when religious and cultural assimilation in the British colonies gave rise to a new, strange social order. Letty speaks from beyond the grave to let the reader see the world through her eyes and explore the mystery of her death. Was she disturbed enough to kill herself, or was someone — or something — else involved?

Library News

2016 Evergreen nominees are here! The Evergreen Award is part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading, and celebrates Canadian writing. This year's nominees include fiction, non-fiction, short stories, and a graphic novel. Participate in the Evergreen Award by reading one or more titles and voting for your favourite in October.



UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands. Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee - Community Fundraiser

When: Sunday April 10, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Where: Rhubarb, 9201 Hwy 118, Minden Hills
Join us for a fun filled evening with delicious hors-d'oeuvres, wines, beer locally crafted and live entertainment
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MINDEN: Preparation for Breastfeeding Class

When: Monday, April 11, 6-8 pm
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden.
This free class provides information, tips and support on breastfeeding for parents. To register, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Lunch & Learn with Wayson Choy

Author of *The Jade Peony*, *All that Matters*, *Paper Shadows*
DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2016
PLACE: The Community Room (beside Sears on Hwy 118)
TIME: 12:00pm buffet lunch 13:00pm presentation
PRICE: \$20.00/person (Cash or cheques only)
TICKETS AVAILABLE: Call Brenda at 705 457-2695

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 am to Noon.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Where: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd, Carnarvon, at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

The twentieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2016-17 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2016 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2016. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.ca
Website: www.hhhs.ca

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- Possess current First Aid certificate with "CPR" C
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- Assistant Instructors need to possess the Red Cross Assistant WSI Certification
- Possession of current NLS certificate for Pool is required
- Must have reliable transportation to the Cardiff Pool and Gooderham Beach/Wilbermere Beach as required.

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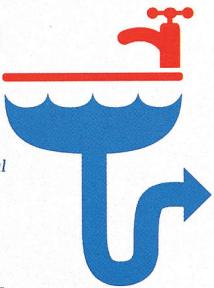
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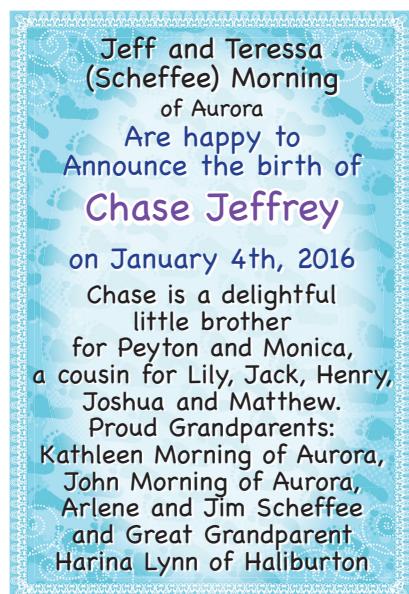
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Dr. Sandra E. Loucks Campbell
 Passed away after a brief courageous struggle with cancer at the Lakeridge Health Centre, Oshawa on Friday, March 25, 2016.
 Beloved wife of Allan. Dear mother of Rob (Roxanne) of Barrie, Greg of Angus, Cheryl (Geoff) of Toronto. Loving grandma of Emily, Noah and Audrey. Dear sister of Wayne Loucks (Ruth) of Waterloo. Fondly remembered by Destiny, Dyna and by her family, friends and colleagues.
 After growing up in Newmarket and Walkerton, Sandra spent the majority of her life in Waterloo before returning to her family roots in Haliburton County. Throughout her life, Sandra used her personal success to speak up for those who lacked a voice. She worked and raised a family while completing her PhD. With inspiration from her own Mom, Sandra went on to become a tireless advocate for and supporter of older people in society today. Through her teaching of University students, she inspired a generation to continue to help the marginalized and less fortunate. Whether it was as President of OASW, or as a teacher at multiple universities, or just as a wonderful Mom, wife, and friend, those she knew, spoke for, and touched will greatly miss her. "Aging is as natural as the leaf on the elderberry" - Sandra Loucks Campbell
 Friends are invited to visit the family at the Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Rd. (County Rd. 17), Ingoldsby on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Sandra's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs).
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